

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Customizable disposable~~ Disposable outerwear for use by a participant of an athletic or sporting event comprising:

a jacket having an upper body portion with a head opening and an elastic waist opening, and sleeves with elastic hand openings;

pants having a groin portion with an elastic waist opening, and legs with elastic feet openings;

at least one closure device disposed on the jacket or pants; and

a plurality of perforations disposed on the jacket and pants;

wherein the jacket and pants are made of a material that is lightweight, strong, vapor-permeable, water resistant, puncture resistant, tear resistant, and abrasion resistant.

13. (Original) The outerwear of claim 12 wherein the perforations are arranged to encircle portions of the sleeves to provide a variable length sleeved or sleeveless jacket.

14. (Original) The outerwear of claim 12 wherein the perforations are arranged to encircle portions of the legs to provide a variable length short-legged pant.

15. (Original) The outerwear of claim 12 wherein the perforations are arranged to provide improved ventilation to the participant.

16. (Original) A method for using disposable outerwear in a sports or athletic endurance event having a defined route comprising the steps of:

distributing the outerwear to a plurality of activity participants;
providing a plurality of containers along the event route for retaining the outerwear and/or parts thereof as it is discarded by the participants;
collecting the discarded outerwear and/or parts thereof; and
recycling the discarded outerwear and/or parts thereof.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein during the distributing step, the participants incur a minimal charge for the outerwear.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein during the distributing step, the participants receive the outerwear free of charge.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the recycling step comprises recycling the discarded outerwear and/or parts thereof into disposable outerwear.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16 comprising the step of marking the outerwear with a logo, design, or other indicia.

21. (New) The outerwear of claim 12 wherein the outerwear is made of a material including fine, continuous fibers of 100% high-density polyethylene that are randomly distributed and nondirectional.

22. (New) A method for using disposable outerwear in a sports or athletic activity, the method comprising:

providing the outerwear to an activity participant, the outer wear including a plurality of perforations disposed thereon for facilitating quick removal and the outerwear being made of a material that is lightweight, strong, vapor-permeable, water resistant, puncture resistant and abrasion resistant;

positioning the outerwear on a the activity participant;

participating in the activity with the outerwear on the activity participant;

removing at least a portion of the outerwear from the activity participant during the activity by tearing the outerwear along the perforations; and

disposing of the at least a portion of the outerwear removed from the activity participant.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein providing the outerwear includes providing the outerwear that is made of a material including fine, continuous fibers of 100% high-density polyethylene that are randomly distributed and nondirectional.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein providing the outer wear further includes providing outerwear including

a jacket having an upper body portion with head and waist openings, and arm portions with hand openings,

pants having a groin portion with a waist opening, and leg portions with feet openings;

wherein the perforations are disposed on at least one of the jacket and pants.

25. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the perforations are disposed on the pants.

26. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the perforations are disposed on the jacket.

27. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the perforations are disposed on both the jacket and the pants.

28. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein providing the outerwear further includes providing outerwear including elastic members proximate the openings to prevent unwanted airflow and moisture from entering the openings.

29. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising recycling the outerwear after participating in the activity.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein recycling further includes recycling the disposed of outerwear into outerwear useable again by a participant.

31. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein removing further includes removing the at least a portion of the outerwear without having to stop participating in the activity.